

# 2019 READERS CABERNET SAUVIGNON



## SENSORY NOTES

Our Readers Cabernet is by far our most popular Readers wine we produce at J. Bookwalter Winery. Don't let its great price point and playful label fool you, this wine is an example of exceptional taste and value for Washington State Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2019 Readers Cabernet Sauvignon is a vibrant ruby with royal purple. It has aromatics of fresh black cherry, strawberry, and vanilla. Blackberry jam, cranberry, and hints of clove and spice delight your senses before you are met with a satisfying and jammy finish. This wine is intended for weekly enjoyment but is capable of aging gracefully over several years when stored properly. This wine is great for BBQs, camping, and weeknight family meals.

## VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

The 2019 growing season was unique. Late winter weather left snow in the vineyard in February all the way into March, delaying pruning and other vineyard work. Summer temperatures were cooler and considerably more even than in recent years, with a notable lack of heat spikes. A minor frost event at the end of September was followed by a series of larger, statewide frosts and freezes in early to mid-October. Despite this challenge, we were excited about the quality of fruit that was picked in 2019. Cooler temperatures contributed to lower overall sugar accumulation and higher acidities, which we welcomed in this vintage. After harvest, these grapes were fermented in open-top bins and aged in French oak barrels as well as puncheons to soften the wine's texture and taste.



## DRINKING WINDOW & SERVING

This wine has a drinking window of 5-7 years if cellared properly at 55F.



## FOOD PAIRINGS

We recommend serving this wine with cured meats, braised mushrooms, grilled burgers, and wood-fired pizza.

## APPELLATIONS

Columbia Valley A.V.A

## FINAL BLEND

75% Cabernet Sauvignon  
15% Merlot  
9% Syrah  
1% Malbec

## TECHNICAL DATA

Cases Produced: 5,000 pH: 3.76  
Bottled Spring 2022 TA: 5.5g/L  
Alcohol: 14.8% RS: .5 g/L

## AGING

Aged in neutral  
French oak 18 months



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